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### **FUEL CELL CAUCUS LEADS EFFORT FOR HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL FUNDING**

WASHINGTON – The chairs of the House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Caucus – U.S. Representatives Charles W. Dent (R-PA), John B. Larson (D-CT), Bob Inglis (R-SC), and Albert R. Wynn (D-MD) – today released a letter written to Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman urging his support for hydrogen and fuel cell programs in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget. The letter received strong, bipartisan support as eighty-one members of the House joined the four chairs in signing the letter.

“Developing hydrogen as a fuel source is part of a necessary, multi-pronged strategy to achieve American energy independence,” Congressman Dent said. “The promise of hydrogen is beneficial for our environment, our national security and our energy security. I believe the federal government’s role is to set the pace with robust support for developing hydrogen technology.”

Congressman Larson stated: “I have long advocated strong government investment in fuel cells because the development of fuel cell technology strikes at the very core of our national security, economic stability, and environmental conscience. It will also build on the momentum created by Connecticut’s vibrant fuel cell industry led by such companies as UTC Power, Fuel Cell Energy, and Proton Energy.”

Congressman Inglis stated: “We in government need to show a commitment similar to President Kennedy’s commitment to the moon launch and we need to recognize the threat to our security we face similar to awareness that drove the Manhattan project,” Inglis said. “Our addiction to oil is putting us at enormous risk. And we need to show an urgency and impatience to get on to alternative fuels.”

Congressman Wynn stated: “The emergence of hydrogen and hydrogen fuel cells will decrease our reliance on foreign oil and boost our energy security. At a time of \$75 a barrel oil, I urge the Department of Energy to fully fund its hydrogen and fuel cell programs.”

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The text of the letter and list of signers are below:

July 28, 2006

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman  
Secretary  
United States Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing to request your strong support for hydrogen and fuel cell technologies in the Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2008 budget. It is our hope that this Administration will use the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (PL 109-58) as a road map for next year's budget to ensure that hydrogen and fuel cells remain an integral component of our national energy security strategy. In particular, for Fiscal Year 2008 EPACT authorized over \$750 million for Titles VII and VIII to help fast track the hydrogen economy.

As you develop your 2008 budget, we understand you face substantial budgetary constraints. However, continued government support of initiatives and programs that advance commercialization of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies is critical to maintaining the significant degree of progress and investment the industry has made to date. Thus far, the program has successfully achieved its targets and it has advanced the burgeoning hydrogen and fuel cell industry through demonstration projects with real world applications. It has also served as a clearinghouse for codes and standards and last, but not least, the program has been successful in integrating Federal programs related to hydrogen, fuel cells, and distributed energy.

Hydrogen and fuel cells have a fundamental advantage over other alternative resources. While most strategies might allow us to manage the energy crisis, hydrogen and fuel cells offer a long-term solution. Attaining the vision of a hydrogen economy will help our nation diversify its energy portfolio, strengthen the reliability of the electricity grid, reduce the levels of dangerous emissions, and ultimately, become an energy independent nation.

Thank you for considering our request and for your continued support of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies.

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**2) Bob Inglis (SC-04)**  
**3) Charles W. Dent (PA-15)**  
**4) John B. Larson (CT-01)**  
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6) Michael F. Doyle (PA-14)  
7) Rob Simmons (CT-02)  
8) Stephen F. Lynch (MA-09)

41) Ed Case (HI-02)  
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45) Sue Kelly (NY-19)  
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47) Katherine Harris (FL-13)  
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- 13) Daniel Lipinski (IL-03)
- 14) Frank R. Wolf (VA-10)
- 15) Mark R. Kennedy (MN-06)
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- 34) Zach Wamp (TN-03)
- 35) Mark Foley (FL-16)
- 36) Sheila Jackson-Lee (TX-18)
- 37) Mike Rogers (MI-08)
- 38) Barbara Lee (CA-09)
- 39) Elijah Cummings (MD-07)
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- 58) Curt Weldon (PA-07)
- 59) Tom Price (GA-06)
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